

V. WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A consumer electronics communication device comprising:
 - a first functionality adapted to enable real-time communication via the device; and
 - a second functionality adapted to enable automatic recording of at least part of the real time communication in response to a user of the device initiating or accepting the real time communication.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein the first functionality comprises at least one user interface mechanism adapted to provide real-time audio and/or visual information to a user and to receive real-time audio and/or visual information from the user.
3. The device of claim 1, comprising a user input to enable the user to select a portion of the real-time communication for the recording.
4. The device of claim 1, comprising at least one organizational mechanism for organizing the recorded communications in a retrievable form for the user.
5. The device of claim 1, comprising an onboard storage for storing at least part of the recorded communication.
6. The device of claim 1, comprising an output for transmitting a signal to a storage, the signal being representative of the real time communication for being recorded at the storage
7. The device of claim 1, comprising an opt-out mechanism adapted to exempt a particular communication from being recorded.
8. The device of claim 7, wherein the opt-out mechanism comprises a prompter that asks at least the user or another party involved in the real time communication to signal if there is a desire for omitting the recording.

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9. The device of claim 7, wherein the opt-out mechanism comprises a distinct, respective, physically actuatable opt out selector apparatus located on an exterior of the device.
10. The device of claim 1, comprising a last-communication rewind mechanism for replay of at ~~last~~ ^{LAST} part of the communication recorded most recently.
11. The device of claim 10, wherein the last-communication rewind mechanism comprises a distinct, respective, physically actuatable selector mechanism located on an exterior of the device.
12. The device of claim 1, comprising a thumbwheel for scrolling through recorded communications.
13. The device of claim 1, wherein the device comprises a mobile phone functionality.
14. A method comprising offering a service, the method comprising:
- enabling automatic recording of at least part of a real-time communication initiated or accepted by at least one subscriber; and
 - responsive to at least one subscriber request, enabling playback of subscriber-selected ones of recorded real-time communications.
15. The method of claim 14, comprising organizing the recorded communications for retrieval and playback by at least one subscriber.
16. The method of claim 14, comprising offering subscribers and/or their interlocutors an opt-out feature so that given ones of their communications will not be recorded.
17. The method of claim 14, enabling the subscriber to select a portion of the real time

communication for recording.

18. The method of claim 14, comprising offering subscribers a last-communication rewind feature for enabling to retrieve at ^{least} last part of a copy of the real time communication recorded most recently.

¹⁹ 20. For use with a consumer electronics communication device that enables real-time communication via the device: a module with a storage for coupling with the device for enabling automatic recording of the real time communication in response to a user of the device initiating or accepting the real time communication.

²⁰ 21. The module of claim ¹⁹ 20, for galvanic coupling with the device.

²¹ 22. The module of claim ¹⁹ 20, for coupling with the device using in a wireless manner.

²² 23. The module of claim ¹⁹ 20, being controllable via a user-interface of the device.

²³ 24. The module of claim ¹⁹ 20, comprising at least one organizational mechanism for organizing the recorded communications in a retrievable form for the user.

²⁴ 25. The module of claim ¹⁹ 20, comprising an opt out mechanism adapted to exempt a particular communication from recordation.

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